

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : John Scott **LLOYD**, et al.)
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Based on PCT/GB00/02962)
Filed : July 31, 2000)
For: METHOD FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC)
ACID TARGET SEQUENCES)
INVOLVING IN VITRO)
TRANSCRIPTION FROM AN RNA)
POLYMERASE PROMOTER)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended versions of claims 4, 5, 8-11, 13-15 and 17 for the corresponding original claims.

4. (Amended) A complex according claim 1, comprising a functional double stranded T3, T7 or SP6 RNA polymerase promoter.